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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VERNASCHI, Mr AMADEI, Mr MARTINELLI,  
Mr LEZZI, Mr LIGIOS, Mr SCELBA, Mr PISONI, Mr BERSANI,  
Mr FIORET, Mr RIPAMONTI, Mr GRANELLI and Mr COVELLI

with request for urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on / Tunisian attacks on Italian fishing vessels

The European Parliament.

- having regard to the continual attacks by Tunisian patrol boats on Italian fishing vessels sailing in international waters, resulting in deaths and injuries among the unarmed fishermen and the unjustified seizure of fishing boats,
  - considering that the fishing agreement between Italy and Tunisia will expire on 31 May 1979,
  - considering that, in exchange for fishing rights, Italy has already paid vast sums in compensation and undertaken to import large quantities of Tunisian olive oil,
1. Requests the Council and Commission to make vigorous representations to the Tunisian Government, calling on it to put a stop to the attacks on Italian fishing vessels ;
  2. Calls on the Commission immediately to open negotiations with Tunisia for the renewal of the fishing agreement between Italy and Tunisia ;
  3. Urges that, should Tunisia persist in its present attitude, the content and expiry dates of the cooperation agreements between the Community and Tunisia be reconsidered ;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the Tunisian Government for its information.